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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAGR, AR  
SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTION

REF: STATE 218005 DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 1977

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DR. D.L. HOUSTON,  
ACTING DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, MPI, FSQS, TO MOST SENIOR  
OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF MEAT INSPECTION.

2. MESSAGE - SHIPMENT OF CANNED CORNED BEEF RECEIVED SAN  
JUAN, PUERTO RICO, DEVELOPED SWELLERS. MICROBIOLOGICAL  
ANALYSIS BY FSQS REVEALED GRAM POSITIVE SPORE FORMING  
ANAEROBIC RODS, PUTREFACTIVE, MESOPHILIC CLOSTRIDIA.  
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PROBLEM INDICATED UNDERPROCESSING AND POSSIBLE HEALTH  
HAZARD. CAN CODE INVOLVED WAS 113HN.

3. PLEASE DISCONTINUE EXPORTS OF ALL RETORT PROCESSED  
CANNED PRODUCT FROM EST 1964 UNTIL FURTHER NOTIFIED BY  
FSQS. PRODUCT ARRIVING AT PORTS WILL NOT BE GIVEN IMPORT  
INSPECTION.

4. NATIONAL RECALL OF ALL CANNED PRODUCT FROM ARGENTINE  
EST 1964 WILL BE CONDUCTED. COLLECTED PRODUCT WILL BE  
HELD PENDING OUTCOME OF INVESTIGATION.

5. THIS ACTION DOES NOT AFFECT EXPORTS FROM EST 1964  
OF COOKED FROZEN BEEF OR BEEF EXTRACT.

6. FSQS SEEKS FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. HOW TO TRANSLATE CAN CODES INTO PRODUCTION DATES  
AND TYPES OF PRODUCT.

B. VERIFY IF CHANGES WERE MADE IN PROCESSING  
SCHEDULES FOR CORNED BEEF AND BEEF WITH NATURAL JUICES  
SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 1977 PROBLEM WITH BEEF AND GRAVY.  
WHEN THESE CHANGES WERE MADE.

C. VERIFY IF CANNED PRODUCT WAS EXPORTED TO THE U.S.  
USING THE NEW SCHEDULES, AND WHEN THESE EXPORTS BEGAN.  
WHAT ARE THE CAN CODES WITH THE NEW SCHEDULES?

D. THE SPECIFIC FORMULAS, PROCESSING SCHEDULES,  
COPIES OF RETORT CHARTS FOR PRODUCTION CODES 127MN,  
119IN. ALSO INSPECTOR'S AND PLANT'S INCUBATION RECORDS  
FOR THESE PRODUCTION CODES.

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E. PLEASE INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF PROBLEM AND  
ADVISE FSQS. END MESSAGE.

7. IDENTICAL PROBLEM FROM EST 1964, ARGENTINA IN  
SEPTEMBER 1977. REFTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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